

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 96-268-S - ORDER NO. 96-844
DECEMBER 4, 1996

IN RE: Application of Development Service, Inc.) ORDER
for Approval to Amend its Rate Schedule) APPROVING
for Sewerage Service to Add a New Rate.) NEW RATE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission) on the Application of Development Service, Inc. ("DSI" or "the Company") where DSI requests Commission approval to amend its rate schedule for sewerage service to add a commercial category for country clubs, fitness centers, spas, health clubs and similar entities. The Company's Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240 (Supp. 1995).

By its Application, DSI seeks approval to add a new rate to its Commission approved rate schedule. The new rate is a commercial rate for country clubs, fitness centers, spas, health clubs and similar entities. DSI states that its proposed monthly service charge per member for the proposed new category is based on the Applicant's current residential customer rate and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's Guidelines for Unit Contributory Loadings to Wastewater Treatment Facilities (the "DHEC Guidelines"). The Applicant states that its current residential rate for a single family residence, as approved

by Commission Order No. 96-44 dated January 19, 1996, is \$18.00 per month. The DHEC Guidelines provide the average daily flow ("ADF") in gallons. The DHEC Guidelines' ADF for a single family residence is 400 gallons and for a country club/fitness center/spa is 50 gallons per member. According to the Application, an equivalent monthly rate per member for the proposed category would be \$2.25 per month per member ($50 \div 400 \times \$18.00$).

By letter dated October 14, 1996, the Commission's Executive Director instructed DSI to publish a prepared Notice of Filing, once, in newspapers of general circulation in the area affected by the Application. The Executive Director also directed DSI to furnish a copy of the Notice of Filing to the affected customer. DSI complied with the instructions of the Executive Director and supplied an Affidavit of Publication and an Affidavit of Mailing as proof of compliance. The purpose of the Notice of Filing was to inform interested persons of the DSI's Application and of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings for participation in the proceeding. No Petitions to Intervene or letters of protest were received concerning DSI's Application. DSI has requested a waiver of a hearing and approval of the amendment to its sewerage rate schedule.

After review of DSI's Application and the applicable law, the Commission determines that the requested amendment to DSI's sewerage rate schedule should be approved. The Commission finds that the Application was properly noticed and that no protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed with the Commission. Approval of

this proposed rate does not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return of DSI so the rate may be approved without the need for a hearing pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240(G) (Supp. 1995). Further, the Commission determines that the proposed rate is fair and reasonable.

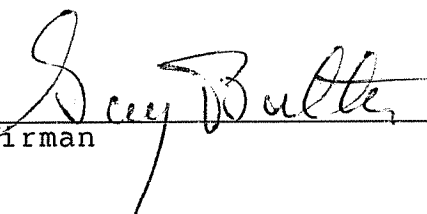
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. DSI's proposed amendment to its sewerage rate schedule to add a category for country clubs, fitness centers, spas, health clubs and similar entities is hereby approved, and DSI's proposed equivalent monthly rate per member of \$2.25 per month per member is also approved.

2. The effective date of the amendment to the rate schedule shall be the date of this Order.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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